

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Trooper Calvin Wayne Jenks of Culleoka.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals face daily the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Calvin Jenks of the Tennessee Highway Patrol was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on January 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lansing, Michigan, Trooper Jenks moved to Culleoka in Maury County in 1989 and graduated from Culleoka High School in 2000, where he was a four-year starter on the school's baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Jenks graduated from the Highway Patrol's cadet school in April of 2004, whereupon he began his duties in the Seventh District of the Tennessee Highway Patrol in Lawrenceburg, earning the respect and admiration of his fellow troopers and a grateful public for his dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2006, Trooper Jenks transferred to the Fourth District in Memphis to be closer to his fiancée, Sarah Elizabeth Hayes, a medical student; the couple married in September of 2006 and made their home on Mud Island in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Jenks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sarah, and is also survived by his mother, Jane Whitaker; father, Norman Jenks; four brothers, Andrew Jenks, Ryan Jenks, Daniel Thompson, and Corey Jenks; and a sister, Bridget Thompson; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to and inspired by his loving family, Trooper Jenks always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Calvin Jenks was a devout member of the Culleoka Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a trusted member of his community, Trooper Jenks regarded his work as a trooper to be of the utmost significance; Calvin Jenks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous trooper, dutiful public servant, and exceptional human being who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Trooper Calvin Wayne Jenks, an exceptional trooper and young man, recalling his impeccable character, unquestionable valor, and stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Calvin Jenks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.